



**Remarks**

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's conclusion that the above-identified patent application is in condition for allowance. While the Examiner concluded that this application is in condition for allowance, the Examiner also indicated that there are some formal matters which need correction before the patent application is officially allowed. In particular, the Examiner indicated that, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.96(c), the Appendix, which follows page 30 of the originally filed patent application, should be cancelled from the patent application and instead copied onto compact disk.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.96(c), Applicants submit, in duplicate, a computer program listing appendix on compact disk which comprises the Appendix described in the patent application as originally filed. No new matter has been added. The compact disks were created on June 18, 2003, comprise 812 kilobytes, and contain the file entitled "APPENDIX (SOURCE CODE)."

Applicants have fully complied with 37 C.F.R. §1.96(c). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified patent application is allowed and passed to issue.



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